(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d)There has been an increase in the admitted in-door patients of cancer at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rotary Cancer Hospital during the last three years.The number of admitted patients increased from 7953 in 1998 to 11222 in 2001-2002. There is almost no increase in Cancer patients at G.B. Pant Hospital.

In All India Institute of Medical Sciences, 6024 heart patients were admitted in the year 1999 which increased to 6712 in the year 2000 and again dropped to 6409 in 2001. In G.B. Pant Hospital 6413 heart patients were admitted in the year 2000 which dropped to 6133 in the year 2001.

Under the National Cancer Control Programme, this Ministry is implementing various schemes aimed at creating awareness among the people and for facilitating treatment and research activities. In addition to the above, this Ministry has a scheme namely National Illness Assistance Fund under which financial assistance is provided to poor people suffering from serious diseases such as Cancer, Cardiac problems and Renal disorders to those who are living below the poverty line.

Control on DDA

*412. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Delhi has sought the control of Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any other development authority in the States which is functioning under Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Delhi Legislative Assembly in its sitting held on 18.7.2002 has passed the following Resolution: "This House recommends that the Delhi Development Authority be transferred to Delhi Government with immediate effect."

Delhi is not a State. It is a Union Territory with an elected Legislative Assembly. The powers given to the Legislative Assembly of the National Capital Territory of Delhi are in consonance with the provisions of Constitution (69th Amendment) Act, 1991. In terms of Article 246 (4) of the Constitution, Parliament is competent and has over-riding powers to enact any law for the Union Territories on any subject mentioned in the 7th Schedule to the Constitution of India. Moreover, by virtue of specific provision under Article 239-AA 3a entries 1, 2 and 18 of the State List and entry 64,65 and 66 of Concurrent List, insofar as they relate to entries 1, 2 and 18 have been reserved for Government of India. Entry 18 deals with subject of land. The Government of NCT of Delhi is not competent to legislate on matters relating to land, which is in the domain of Government of India.

The Delhi Development Authority is a creature of the statute called Delhi Development Act, 1957 and as long as the constitutional provision exists and the subject matter is in the domain of the Union Government, the administration of this Act, and the control of DDA will continue with the Government of India.

Keeping the above facts in view, the Resolution passed by the Delhi Assembly cannot be accepted by the Central Government The above said constitutional provisions relating to land matters are specific for NCT of Delhi. Since the other State Governments are competent to legislate on matters relating to land under their domain, development authorities in other States function under the respective State Governments.

Arbitrary Power of Estate Officers

*413. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued new norms to limit the arbitrary use of powers by the Estate Officers for eviction from public premises;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for formulating new norms?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) No, Sir.